the Central Department of Tourism are important from the tourism promotion angle.

Aviation security in domestic and international sectors

3053. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to develop a force for aviation security in the domestic and international sectors;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is a proposal to appoint B.S.F. personnel in place of state police for the Air India and Indian Airlines;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the number of staff members employed for security purposes in various organisations at Bombay, Calcutta, Madras, Ahmedabad and Trivandrum International Airports, as on date?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A proposal to set up Aviation Security Force is under consideration of the Government.

(c) and (d) At present there is no such proposal.

(e) Information is being collected and would be laid before the House.

Operation of Air-taxis by Singapore Airlines in India

3054. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Singapore Airlines has planned to operate air taxis in India, with the collaboration of Indian entrepreneurs; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) There is no such proposal before the Government.

(b) Does not aries.

Foreign investment by the Airlines

3055. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that various airlines in India have been allowed to invest in carrying out their operation abroad; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government would allow Indian Airlines and operators in the Private Sector to invest in their operations abroad; if so, what are the policy guidelines for investment abroad; and

(c) what are the foreign exchange earnings and expenditure figures of Air India and the Indian Airlines during 1990-91, 1991-92 and 1992-93 and projections for 1993-94 and 1994-95?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Air Taxi operators can operate domestic air services only. Indian Airlines is permitted to invest abroad for upgradation of the facilitation services.

(c) Foreign exchange earning land expenditure of Air India and Indian Airlines for the years 190-91 to 1992-93 are as under:—

	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93
Indian Airlines			(Rs. in crores)
Foreign exchange earnings:	259.35	402.28	490.74e
Foreign exchange expenditure	355.43	419.56	601.20
Air India			
Foreign exchange earnings	1190.50	1147.91	1396.28
Foreign exchange expenditure	1044.35	931.96	1098.67

Information on projections for 1993-94 and 1994-95 is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

Indo-South African Agreement on Tourism

3056. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and South Africa have agreed to open their respective tourist offices in the two countries to encourage tourist traffic between each other;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the terms and conditions settled between each other?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir. Govt. of India proposes to open a Govt. of India Tourist Office in Johannesburg. South African Government has proposed to open a Tourist Office in Bombay.

(b) and (c) The details have not been finalised.

शिरडी में विमानपत्तन का निर्माण

3057. **श्री सुशील कुमार संभाजीराव शिन्दे :**
श्री विठ्ठलराव माधवराव जाधव :

क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि केन्द्रीय सरकार ने महाराष्ट्र सरकार को उस राज्य में शिरडी में एक विमानपत्तन का निर्माण करने की अनुमति दे दी है :

(ख) क्या सरकार इस विमानपत्तन में कृषि उत्पादों के निर्यात के लिये अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय विमान उतारने तथा वहां से उड़ान भरने की अनुमति देने का भी विचार रखती है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण है ।